GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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Hike in Entry Fee of Monuments
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has ordered a threefold hike in the entry fee of monuments for domestic visitors and hundred per cent for foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is extending more facilities to visitors who purchase tickets at higher rates;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is spending this money on the renovation and repairs of the monuments and for giving more facilities to visitors such as Wi-Fi and bottled water; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the funds spent on various monuments of the country, State/UT-wise including Gujarat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. The entry fee for ticketed monuments under Archaeological Survey of India has been increased with effect from 1.4.2016. The details are at Annexure.

(c)&(d) Purchase of high value tickets by the visitors for visiting the ticketed monuments under Archaeological Survey of India is optional in nature. However, provisions are made with purchase of high value ticket holders for on spot facilities like free bottled water, mementos, CDs with pictures of monuments by the Archaeological Survey of India. The additional facilities are being provided to give the holder of high value tickets special treatment and make the visit more memorable.

(e) The revenue collected from the entry fee at the ticketed monuments of the Archaeological Survey of India is remitted into the Government account in the Consolidated Fund of India. This is in accordance with the Central Government Account (Receipts and Payments) Rules.

(f) Does not arise.